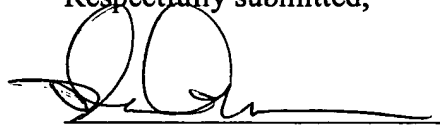


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**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

2. (Four-times Amended) The fuel injection valve according to claim 6, wherein ~~an~~ said elastic member is provided between a sleeve and said core in order to form said buffer portion, said sleeve being disposed between a core and a valve holder of the solenoid, said elastic member extending in a perpendicular direction away from an arm of said sleeve toward said core.

**Claims 8 and 9 are added as new claims.**